

February 22, 2012

Dawn Gieseke, Director  
Rainbow Playschool  
17 Maple Street,  
Woodstock, VT 05091

Re: Variance Request  
Site # 8288

Dear Mrs. Gieseke,

I am in receipt of your variance request to allow the Rainbow Playschool to occupy space in the St. James Episcopal Church. Rainbow Playschool was formerly located at the Little Theater building at 54 River Street in Woodstock. Tropical Storm Irene caused the Ottauquechee River to rip through the Little Theater destroying all personal property and displaced the Rainbow Playschool. At the present time you are using space at the St. James Church in Woodstock.

Under the provisions of the 2006 Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code, Section 5, a variance may be granted when the applicant can demonstrate that an equal degree of safety is being provided through a safe alternative method.

**Code Requirements:** Day care occupancies, other than day-care homes, shall be limited to locations, construction types, and sprinkler protection features. Day-care shall not be located below the level of exit discharge in buildings other than those protected by an approved automatic sprinkler systems. (2006 NFPA 101 Table 16.1.6.1).

After my review of the NFPA Life Safety Code and my visit to the building your variance request is GRANTED for a period of **one year** with the following conditions:

- There will be no more than 25 children, all capable of self-preservation.
- There shall be at least five staff in the class room at all times.
- The fire alarm, with emergency force notification, shall be inspected annually.
- Fire drills and evacuation procures shall be conducted twice per month and logged.
- All doors leading into common spaces shall be kept closed at all times.
- Hard wired carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed in the day care sleeping area.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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Sincerely,

L.D. Sutherland Jr.  
Division of Fire Safety  
Regional Manager

cc: Robert Patterson Deputy Director  
Regional Managers